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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF SETTING  
AND/OR CONTROLLING OF A FOOD  
PRODUCT DISPENSING MACHINE USING A  
TAG-TYPE COMMUNICATION DEVICE

Attorney Docket No.: 88265-4040

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004 be extended for a period of one (1) month from August 24, 2004 to and including September 24, 2004.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$110.00. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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